

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 7 as follows:

The digital information accumulation capability 12 comprises a reception capability 22, a decryption capability 23, and a record holding capability 24. The reception capability 22 receives the encrypted digital information from the server unit 2 via the transmission path 3 and supplies the received digital information to the ~~encryption~~ decryption capability 23.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 4 as follows:

When encrypting the digital information with a common-key encryption algorithm such as DES, the digital information vending apparatus 101 encrypts the digital information with the digital information key. When encrypting the digital information with a public-key encryption algorithm such as RSA (Rivest-Shamir-Adelman), the digital ~~vending~~ vending apparatus 101 encrypts the digital information with a private key and sends the encrypted digital information to the recording medium with license management capability 102-1 or the digital information reproduction unit with license management capability 103-1 with a public key used as the digital information key.